

# Bering Straits UpDate

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## Purpose

The purpose of the Bering Straits Update is to inform regional residents of the public construction projects scheduled for the next three construction seasons. Taking advantage of training will enhance employment opportunities. There are job and training opportunities for regional residents in the field of public construction available now.

Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities, Northern Region Planning Office, reports that as of June 1, 2001, there have been no changes to the Nome Region construction projects.

Diomedes	DOT - Diomedes Trail System	Oct-Sept 2003
Elim	DOT - Airport Rehabilitation	Oct-Sept 2002
Nome	DOT - Airport Runway 27 Reconstruction & Obstruction Removal	Oct 2001-Sept 2002
Nome	DOT - Nome Roads Surfacing, Phase I & Northern Region Road Surface Treatments - Nome Area	Oct-Sept 2001
Nome	DOT - Nome-Council Road – Solomon Wayside	Oct-Sept 2001
Nome	DOT - Rocker Gulch Wayside	Oct-Sept 2001
Wales	DOT - Airport Snow Removal Equipment Building Rehabilitation & Snow Fence	Oct-Sept 2002
Shaktolik	DOT - Landfill Road	Oct-Sept 2001
Shishmaref	DOT - Maintenance & Operations - Crack Seal runway 5-23 & maintain painted runway markings	2001

For more information, please contact Martin Ott at 907-451-5150

The Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation, Division of Spill Prevention & Response reports that the Bulk Fuel Cleanup Assessments for Elim, Teller, Brevig Mission, Golovin, Koyuk and Savoonga are scheduled to be done this summer.

For more information contact Dan Benfield at 907-465-5200

For more information about jobs, training, or other related programs provided by Kawerak, Inc., contact Nancy Green, TERO, at 907-443-5231.

Bering Straits School District reports that all construction projects are still on schedule as follows:

Elim	New School Construction	May 2001 - 2002
Golovin	New School Construction	May 2002
Koyuk	New School Construction	May 2002
Shishmaref	Remodel School Construction	May 2002

For more information, please contact Dr. John Davis at 907-624-3611

# Alaska Works Partnership Reports Progress

In June over 20 workers from Saint Michaels and White Mountain will travel to the Mat-Su Valley for pre-employment training for 13 homes to be built at the new Alaska Manufacturing Contractors (AMC) facility at Pt. McKenzie. The village residents will build the houses this summer, and return home

to install and finish the units. Recruitment has been completed for three projects in Unalakleet (Nome Region): a road, a bridge replacement, and 10 homes. Unalakleet pre-employment training will be underway in June.

The Alaska Works Partnership, Inc. (AWP) is a non-profit agency made up of

the Alaskan building and construction trade unions and their affiliated apprenticeship programs. AWP develops partnerships with employers, local municipalities, housing authorities, village councils, school boards and others to increase local hire. By offering educational and training programs, AWP and its partners

are able to increase the skill levels and the career opportunities for rural Alaskans. The quality associated with this construction-training program is unmatched in Alaska.

For more information contact Tom Brice at 907-457-2597.

The Denali Commission's Training Fund Grants had a \$25,000 funding cap per community. The status of grants for the Nome region are as follows:

Organization	Description of Training	Status
Alaska Energy Authority (AEA)	Bulk Fuel Tank Operator Training	Funding not required until Sept training session. STEP provided funding for the May training session.
Alaska Operating Engineers	Heavy Equipment Operators Training	Open Slots - 4 week training course - 10 participants trained in May and 20 participants will be trained in June.
Alaska Works Partnership	BMR Step-up - King Salmon training center	Training has begun and will be completed by June 30.
Alaska Works Partnership	BMR Step-up - White Mountain/St. Michael's	Training has already begun with AWP matching funds and DTF will start on June 4. Training will be completed by June 30.
Center for Employment & Training	Commercial Driver License (CDL) - Class A&B	Open Slots - 2 week training course - 12 participants trained in May and 12 participants will begin training on June 18.
Elim	Construction Trade Training	Training will be completed by June 30.
Piledrivers & Divers Local 2520	Advanced Welding Training for dock projects	In recruitment process - 4 participants will start training in June.

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